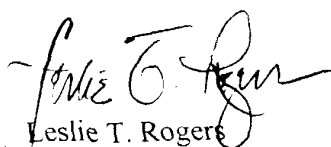
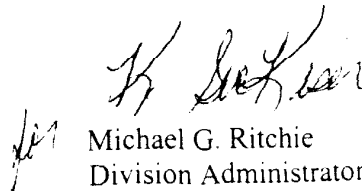


This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of TCAG's FTIP Amendment Nos. 9 and 10 into California's 2000/01 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that any Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP is subject to all other FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,



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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Greg Wong

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: TCAG 2000/01 FTIP Amendments Nos. 9 and 10

We have completed our review of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) Amendment Nos. 9 and 10 to its 2000/01 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted by your letters dated May 2, 2002, and May 24, 2002, respectively. Amendment No. 9 adds ten new STIP projects and modifies six existing projects in Tulare County; modifies one CMAQ project in the City of Porterville; and adds four new Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 projects in the Cities of Tulare, Porterville and Woodlake. Amendment No. 9 was adopted by TCAG on February 25, 2002. Amendment No. 10 adds a new Federal Lands Highway project in Tulare County, adds a new Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program project in Tulare County; modifies three CMAQ projects in the City of Porterville; modifies three Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) in the Cities of Woodlake and Lindsay, and Tulare County; and, adds six new FTA 5310 projects in Tulare County. Amendment No. 10 was adopted by TCAG on April 15, 2002.

We accept these TCAG amendments in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendments were developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The changes made to the program by these amendments are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Be advised the FTA/FHWA planning regulations allow approval of projects in the first three years of the FSTIP. Projects programmed in the fourth year and beyond are accepted for informational purposes only.

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).